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Turkey's "evacuation" of Thessaly seems to consist of calling home disabled troops and sending out fresh ones to take their places.

It is significant to find Tom Johnson keeping out of Ohio during a political campaign and devoting his attention to New York city.

After all that has happened, General Weyler would be more than justified in abandoning all attempts to strike the modern pace in journalism.

The confidence with which victory is predicted for each of the New York candidates is calculated to throw still more discredit on the profession of campaign prophecy.

Again Chicago is to the fore with a unique sensation. Some rascal has robbed a morgue and taken away five bodies. The Chicago thief is original. He always leads and never follows.

Last week it was reported that only seven vacant stores could be found on Broadway, New York, from one end to the other, and that two of them had been rented. Prosperity has evidently reached that town.

One objection that Cuba may well make to the now proposed autonomy is that the scheme contemplates the saddling on that island of the enormous debt Spain has incurred on its account during the last few years.

Now the Oklahoma farmers are said to be nearly free from debt. If this thing keeps on Bryan will not have a single poor debt ridden farmer to point to in 1900. The apostle of misery is fast losing his stock in trade.

New Englanders like to boast about their civilization, but there have, perhaps, been more "hold-ups" in the six states east of the Hudson in the last year than in almost any similar area during the same time.

A request for a lecture on free silver should, unless other arrangements are specified, be accompanied by cash. It is considered contrary to etiquette to offer the lecturer the equivalent of the value of his services in wheat.

Senator Wellington of Maryland says that Gorman is to win in Maryland. Mr. Wellington is in the position of a man who says he is to be boss or nothing. In the event of a democratic victory the senator should charge it against himself.

A column of British soldiers is after Oman Digna. The British have been after that rascal for many years. He has more lives than a cat and he is never heard of unless he is making trouble or getting away from it. It would be interesting to know how much he has cost the English people.

There is a good deal of discussion going on in the religious papers concerning the "dead line" in the ministry. This line, it should be observed, is not necessarily one of age, as the disputants assume. Sometimes it is crossed by very young men, whose usefulness in their calling may fairly be regarded as doubtful from the start.

There can be no question as to the fate of the bill which an Illinois congressman is to bring forward this winter for the construction of a ship canal from Lake Michigan to the gulf of Mexico at an estimated cost of twenty million dollars. If there were a surplus in the treasury the scheme would doubtless find many ardent advocates, but in the present circumstances hardly any one can be so reckless as to champion it.

The manner in which the streets of this town are sprinkled is a disgrace to the community. The streets are either very dusty or very muddy. There is no happy middle ground. When the sprinkler gets to work on Adams street, for instance, it keeps up operations until the mud is an inch or two deep. Then another street is reduced to the same condition. The city council ought to abate this nuisance. Dust is preferable to unscientific sprinkling.

TODAY'S ELECTIONS.

Although elections of various kinds are to be held in a large number of states today, very little outside interest attaches to most of them. The New York municipal fight is the only one that attracts attention throughout the country, and indeed it is of more importance than almost any of the others, since the experiment to be tried in the government of the new metropolis is one directly affecting three millions of people, a greater number than the population of any state of the Union outside of New York, except Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois. But the other elections of the year are not without interest. That in Ohio, for example, is of especial concern because of the uncertain tendencies of the republican majority in the recent past. Mr. Bryan's vote in Ohio last fall was uncomfortably near that of McKinley, and now that the Nebraska man has made his familiar harangues in the agricultural districts the republican managers are naturally apprehensive of the result on election day. There seems to be no reasonable doubt of the success of the republican state ticket, but the democrats are waging a hot warfare against the republican legislative candidates.

Nobody supposes that the republican candidates for governor in Massachusetts and Iowa will fail of election, nor that the democratic nominee in Virginia will be behind when the votes are counted.

Supreme court judges are to be chosen in Colorado, Nebraska and New York, and university regents in Nebraska. In Kentucky and in Maryland a clerk of the court of appeals will be voted for, and in the latter state a controller, also, is to be elected. In Pennsylvania, the only state offices to be filled are those of auditor general and state treasurer.

In nine states legislatures will be chosen in whole or in part. These states are Delaware, Iowa, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Virginia. The Maryland legislature next January is to elect a successor to Senator Gorman and the Virginia legislature will choose Senator Daniel to succeed himself. A week later Nevada and Washington vote for new legislatures, and with these elections the campaigns of the year will be practically closed. It is not improbable that much may be learned when the returns are all in regarding the political sentiment of the moment. The states which choose officers are so widely scattered that their verdict at the polls will fairly represent the current opinion of the whole country.

TALK, RUMOR AND BLUSTER.

The latest dispatches from Spain indicate more clearly than ever that the Madrid government is in desperate straits and that an attempt is to be made to fasten upon the United States the responsibility for the success of the Cuban patriots in keeping their enemies at bay. Coupled with the arrogant reply of the Madrid government is the announcement that Spain is to grant Cuba a number of concessions. Of those concessions we have nothing to say. What interests the United States, according to the Madrid dispatches, is the tenor of the reply to be made to Secretary Sherman's note.

As we understand the note submitted by Minister Woodford the United States simply offered its friendly offices and suggested to Spain the wisdom of putting an end to the war as soon as possible. That we had a right to make such a tender is not to be questioned. Cuba is within a few hours' run of the Florida coast. That rich island is being devastated and the most barbaric treatment is being accorded the natives. We would have been justified in speaking even more plainly than in a friendly way, but we have not done so. The Spanish reply dwells upon "material and moral assistance" extended the Cubans by this country. That charge is a lie so far as it relates to the government of the United States. Whatever of material assistance has been rendered Cuba in the United States has been through the efforts of the Cubans and their representatives. In no sense has the United States government taken a hand in the direction of aiding the Cubans. On the contrary this country has spent about two millions dollars to outwit the Cubans, and that very action upon the part of the government has been of material loss to the Cubans themselves. As to moral assistance, the same thing can be said. This government has not given that sort of aid.

The London papers are more exercised over the promises of a rupture with Spain than the papers in this country. The Daily Mail says that our good intentions with regard to Cuba are "obviously genuine," yet whichever side precipitates a war the responsibility would rest upon President McKinley. The Mail is evidently not well informed as to the actual status of the situation, except so far as it declares our good intentions to be genuine.

The Standard says that the United States is not expected to declare war against Spain, but that if Spain attacks the United States American vessels will be sent to the country. That is

the events leading up to the war of 1812. Further the Standard remarks that "we believe it is the ideal of dreams for Spain to hope for assistance from any European power." That is unquestionably correct, yet word comes that Italy is disposed to hump itself and is considering an alliance with Spain in order to punish the United States for the lynching of a few Italian cut-throats in New Orleans, and for whose taking off this country has already made reparation, paying far more for the dead outlaws than they were worth when living.

The Daily Chronicle is disposed to believe that neither Spain nor this country is likely to yield, and "an accident may precipitate events."

The Morning Post, blind to the truth, advises Premier Sagasta that if he keeps his backbone stiff he will "secure for Spain the sympathy of all civilized nations." What nonsense. Spain has not acted toward the Cubans after the fashion of civilized nations. She has not treated the Cubans as if they were human beings, and if the "civilized nations" can endorse Spain's course they will lose caste among those who are actually civilized and who believe in humane deeds even in war.

The Daily Telegraph has a shiver through catching a glimpse of the Monroe doctrine, which rises before it as a spectre, and it says the occupation of Cuba by the United States would threaten the interests of European powers in this part of the world.

Spain has no case against the United States. We have, as a matter of fact, not done our full duty in asking that the Cuban atrocities should cease. We have abided by our treaty and we are prepared to abide by it to the end that friendly relations may be maintained with Spain. If Spain compels us to fight we will do the best we can to make that fight short, sharp and decisive. If any other European power attempts to take a hand we will have to do more. In the meantime we advise everybody to keep cool. There is nothing over which to become excited. This country is in the right and the right must be maintained.

THIS BUSY WORLD.

French railroads earned \$10,850 per mile last year, of which 5.16 per cent was used for working expenses.

One of Yale's foot ball players is a theological student who preaches to a suburban congregation every Sunday.

A Massillon man has planted 40,000 frogs' eggs in a pond near that place and the citizens look forward to a lively spring.

A unique organization called the Autumnal Straw Hat association has been formed in Boston. Its object is to persuade men to wear straw hats after September 15, provided the temperature makes it justifiable.

The public schools are the means of saving a great deal of property. It is said that during the vacation the school children of America destroy, waste or damage property of various kinds to the amount of \$1,000,000 a day.

Architecture and Building says that there is nothing about Dismal Swamp in Virginia to create miasma; "all is fresh and sweet, and the air is laden with balmy odors." The water is thought to possess certain medicinal qualities.

Switzerland bears were supposed to be extinct, but some chamois hunters in the lower Engadine recently shot and secured one, and report that another escaped them. This will add to the excitement of mountain climbing in the Alps.

Sandycombe lodge at Twickenham, where Turner, the painter, lived, according to Mr. Ruskin, from 1808 to 1827, and where he painted many of his views of the Thames, is offered for sale. The house is said to have been constructed after Turner's own designs.

Cork now possesses the remains of blessed Thaddeus McCarthy, recently beatified by Pope Leo. They were conveyed in a golden box from Ivrea, in northern Italy, where the bishop died 500 years ago on his return from a pilgrimage to Rome, and have been deposited in Cork cathedral.

Six volumes of hitherto unpublished works of Rouget de l'Isle are soon to see the light in Paris. The Debats deplores this attempt to float valueless productions on the "Marseillaise," saying but for that one revolutionary song Rouget de l'Isle's writings are of "the most affecting mediocrity."

A large number of the residents of Vermont are beginning to wonder if there is anything which roams outside the larger villages which the ambitious hunter will not shoot at and then declare that he thought it was a deer, woodchuck, squirrel or porcupine, as the locality of the hunting will permit.

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